

Assessing the home health PPS

ISSUE: Is the current home health prospective payment system (PPS) meeting Medicare's payment policy objectives?

KEY POINTS: In this session we will describe the current system and discuss some evidence that may suggest that the system is not working optimally for all patients.

We will also describe research that may be able to identify patient populations for whom the system is not working as well as it should.

Finally, we will briefly describe some changes to the system that may be able to address its possible shortcomings.

ACTION: This is the first of two presentations on this topic. The product will be a chapter in our June report to Congress. At this time, we seek Commissioners' input on our proposed analysis and PPS alternatives.

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